

## ST. PATRICK OF THE ISLAND – BULLETIN WEEK OF MAY 10, 2020– 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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## **This Week's Readings:**

In today's readings Jesus is saying good by and the disciples are distressed.

ACTS 6: 1-7 – The resources of the early church are challenged. The task of being church to those in need is too big.

1 PETER 2: 4-9 – Jesus is the cornerstone and to those who believe, He is precious.

JOHN 14: 1-12 – Jesus said, "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places and I will go and prepare a place for you."



## LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Audrey Angelozzi, Jean & Joseph Gabriel, Edward Bertrand, Maria Linck, Jacques R., Bob Forest, Tom Law, Heather Coulter, Anthony Hulse, Paule, Theresa Hannan, Noah & Bailey Santos, Jean Clifford, Gordon Hincks, Kayla Cordeiro, Helen Lalonde, Helene Larose Pullin, Allison Latham, Caron Rothwell, Caiti Dore, Andria MacDonald, Karen Descoeurs, Mary & Marian Lapchak, Betty, Gerry & Mary Guy, Elaine Kerr, Claude Bourbonnais, Catherine Shea, John Battaglia, Frank McCluskey, Virginia Camus, Antanas, Nadia Lombardi, Cathy Good, Molly Gillette, Michel Leclerc, Ralph Jenkins, Kathleen Guy.

Anyone affected by the virus.



The theme running through this Sunday's readings is one of faith, hope and trust in God. I am sure that at one time or another, we have all been through difficult moments in our lives: illness, death of a loved one, hard financial times and lack of necessities.

In the liturgy this Sunday, Jesus himself offers us the hope of better things to come. How does He do this? He tells the Apostles to believe in God and in Him. He tells them that He has prepared a place for them and for all of us who believe in Him. It sounds easy, doesn't it, to just believe? It could be if we let ourselves trust in God.

These last months have turned our world upside down and have shown us that we are not in total control of anything. However, Jesus tells us to believe in Him and that gives me a measure of comfort. If anyone will get us through whatever is facing us, it is Christ. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. He is the path to the Father and to heaven. He has told us that He and the Father are one and that what He has said, comes from the Father though Him.

One of the difficulties for me during this pandemic has been to not hug my children and grandchildren, to not spend time in close contact with my friends and family. Being physically apart from my church family has been very unsettling.

Deacon Nic and Father Pierre have been constant sources of comfort and support. A measure initiated by Deacon Nic where we can pray together and share our faith together on Zoom began this week. If you are interested in participating check out the links on our Facebook page and our website. The rosary is on Tuesdays and Faith sharing on Thursdays. I know that it will help me feel closer to all of you and to Jesus.

Be safe during this time, follow the directions of our public health people and most importantly trust in God.

- Anne Coulter



"Since prayer is a universal value, I welcome the proposal that believers of all religions should unite spiritually on 14 of May for a day of prayer and fasting and works of charity, to implore God to help humanity overcome the coronavirus pandemic. Remember: on May 14, all believers together, believers of different traditions, are asked to pray, fast, and perform works of charity."

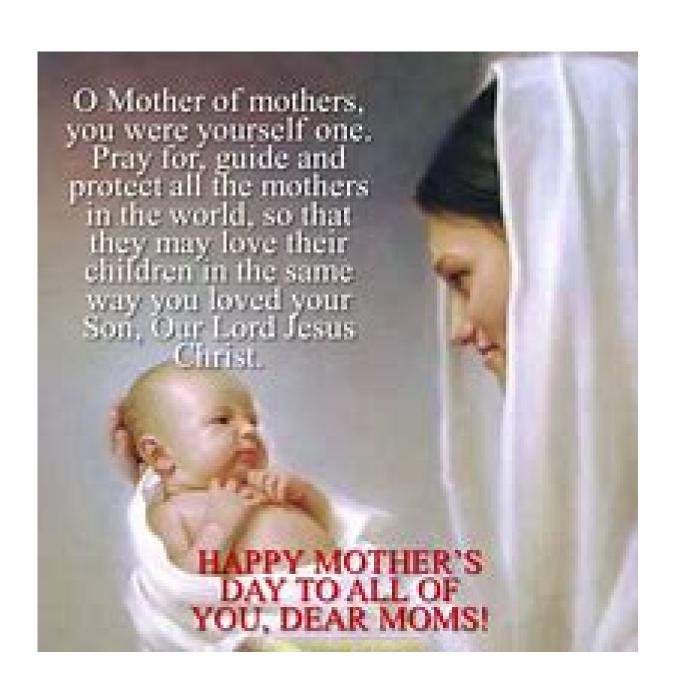
Pope Francis



Do you need to talk to someone? In these difficult times, some days can be stressful and your faith tested. If you need to talk, we are here to listen. You can call Deacon Nic at 514-703-3736 or Anne Coulter at 514-453-8634.

## **ST PAT'S OUTREACH**

In the coming days, volunteers from the parish will be calling your homes to see how you are doing, if you need anything or if we can help in any way.



This is beautiful, wise and thought provoking...

And the people stayed home.

And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still. And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows.

And the people began to think differently.

And the people healed.
And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed.